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Media: Questions on OFAC

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Thu, Oct 18, 2018 at 12:01 PM

To: Seth.Unger@treasury.gov

Hello

I'm doing a story on OFAC false positives. To do this story I'm going to include a lot of the history about OFAC and what their job is. I have two questions. 1: How many records were added to the SDN list since 9/11? What was the pre-9/11 number of records, and what is the current? 2: Is there anyone who could be made available for a phone interview? Please let me know.

Thank You
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To: press@treasury.gov, Seth.Unger@treasury.gov

Fri, Nov 2, 2018 at 12:02 PM

Hello

I'm a reporter for inewssource in San Diego. I'm doing a story on OFAC false positives. I'd like to do an interview about the history of OFAC and how it uses its SDN list, I'd also like to ask about the topic of people who have been misidentified by credit check companies as someone on the SDN list. One other question I wanted to ask, is how many names have been added on the SDN list since 9/11? If someone could do a phone interview on this topic, it'd be greatly appreciated. I need to get the interview sometime next week.

Thank You
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Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 1:02 PM

Hell

Checking in on this to see if I could get some comments? Please let me know.

Thank You
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Tue, Nov 13, 2018 at 1:41 PM

Seth

I'm wanting to get an interview about OFAC False Positives, can anyone be made available? Please let me know. I'd really appreciate it.

-Alain
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Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 5:11 AM

Alain,

[On background, attributable to a Treasury spokesperson]

As part of its sanctions implementation efforts, OFAC publishes a list of individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists, proliferators, and narcotics traffickers, designated under various programs. The list also identifies blocked individuals, entities, and other property (such as vessels or aircraft) owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, blocked governments (such as Iran, Syria, and North Korea.) Collectively, such individuals and companies comprise OFAC's "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List" or "SDN List." Their assets are blocked and U.S.

persons are generally prohibited from dealing with them. For additional information on the SDN List please visit https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/fuzzy_logic.aspx

Please note that credit bureaus and agencies in particular have adopted new measures to ensure compliance with OFAC regulations. For more information on these new measures please visit https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/faqs/Sanctions/Pages/faq_general.aspx#credit

In addition, for your guidance, OFAC publishes records of all changes to the SDN list going back to 1994: <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/archive.aspx>. Please keep in mind that the goal of sanctions is to bring about a positive change in behavior – hence the ability to be delisted – so names have been removed as well as added over the years.

Thanks and let us know if you have any further questions.

From: Alain Stephens <alainstephens@inewsource.org>
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Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 8:21 AM

Thanks for a response. Can you please tell me how many names have been added to the list since 9/11? Or at the very least the total number of names on the list as it currently stands?

Thank You
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